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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tomoyuki ISHII et al.

Appln. No.: 10/684,424      Group Art Unit: 2818

Filed: October 15, 2003      Examiner: A. Huyni

For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

RESPONSE

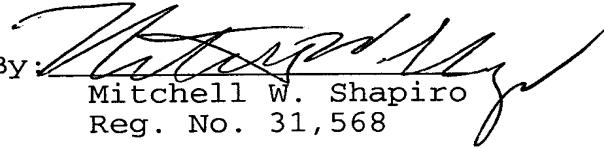
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Species I (Claims 1-5 and 8) for prosecution on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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